

## Predicted Performance of Semiconductor Junction Circulators with Losses

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A study of the circulation properties of a gyroelectric medium consisting of a high-quality n-type semiconductor is given. Losses due to electron collisions are modeled by inclusion of the collision frequency  $\nu/c$  in the relative permittivity tensor. Broadband low-loss operation of a semiconductor slotline junction circulator above the extraordinary wave resonance frequency  $f_{\text{res}}$  appears possible at near-millimetric frequencies. Larger, applied static magnetic fields enable narrowband lowloss operation at frequencies below the resonance at  $f_{\text{res}}$ . A 40 GHz design is described for GaAs cooled to 77 K. The minimum inband insertion loss is 0.82 dB. InSb theoretically possesses still lower losses for a reduced applied magnetic field. An example at an operating frequency of 75 GHz in InSb is given.

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